(v) Adoption of integrated plant protection measures.

(vi) Increasing the intensity of cropping through double, multiple and inter-cropping.

(vii) Assuring remunerative prices for various food crops to the farmers and organisational support for sale of commodities at these prices.

Effects of controversy between Hotel management and Travel Agents etc. on Tourism

430. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tourism Industry is likely to suffer due to the controversy between Hotel Managements on the one hand and Travel Agents and Tour Operators on the other in the coming years; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to streamline the tourism industry to attract more foreigners as it was in the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) There is no controversy between Hotel Managements on the one hand and Travel Agents and Tour Operators on the other.

(b) Does not arise.

Housing schemes in rural sector

431. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that benefits of housing schemes launched by Government by providing technical and financial assistance to the rural sector, have accrued mainly to a few ndividuals and State agencies and have not reached the common man; and

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking to cover the rural areas for the purpose of giving the benefits of housing schemes to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) 'Housing being a State subject, all social housing schemes are formulated and implemented by the States|Union Territories as per their requirements and plan priorities out of their plan funds. Central financial assistance to the States|UTs is in the shape of block loans and block grants without being tied up to any particular head of development or scheme. The financial and technical assistance is channelised to the beneficiaries through State Govt|UT departments and agencies. It is not a fact that the Social housing schemes under implementation in various States & UTs have not reached the common man.

(b) The Scheme of allotment of House sites and construction Assistance for Rural Landless Workers is in operation in States|Union Territory Administrations under the Minimum Needs Programme to provide developed House sites, free of cost and also construction assistance Rs. 2000|- per family. In addition, another scheme named Indira Awas Yojana is in the Central Sector, under which housing units are provided to SC|ST and freed bonded labourers in rural areas as part of the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme. Further HUDCO also provides loan assistance for construction of houses for families belonging to Economically Weaker Section in rural areas.